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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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The Honorable John Boehner  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader Boehner, Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that you convene a bipartisan summit of House and Senate Members on energy issues before the August District Work Period. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

For the last several years, the price of oil and gas has risen dramatically. In many places, gas prices are over \$4 a gallon, more than double the price in 2001. These increases are causing financial strain for many of my constituents. In addition, these gas prices are increasing costs in other areas, such as for food, making it difficult for my constituents to make ends meet.

From my perspective, Congress must take immediate action to bring down energy costs. While Democrats and Republicans disagree on the solutions to bring down these prices, we all agree that something must be done. We must work together to reach compromises that Members of both parties can support.

Some of the solutions to energy prices may include:

- instituting a tax on windfall profits of oil companies;
- increasing domestic production;
- holding OPEC accountable for price fixing;
- increasing investment in alternative energy sources through grants and tax incentives; and
- mitigating the role of speculation in energy markets.

As a result, I request that you convene a summit to discuss these issues and potential actions that we can take to address these skyrocketing energy prices. This summit should include Members of both parties, Administration officials and energy experts. This event will allow for all parties to bring ideas to the table and for energy experts to provide input on the effectiveness of these solutions.

We must take swift action to address these rising energy prices and this event will provide a forum for bipartisan discussion. The wellbeing of all of our constituents depends on curbing rising energy costs and we must put aside partisan disagreements and come to viable solutions.

In closing, thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul E. Kanjorski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

Paul E. Kanjorski  
Member of Congress